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(I thought I'd answer you here as it will take several posts and that thread is saturated already)

You know I just had to share. . .

Once again, I'm sharing my thoughts based mostly on the work of Dr. Michael Heiser (Theology, Ancient History. . .

> Who are \u201cthe watchers\u201d or fallen angels?
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> Aliens? Angels? Or A diff species?
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> They seem to be pretty consistent across stories and I\u2019m curious as to what ppl think they actually were
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> — Mimi J (@TheKanehB) December 9, 2020

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Near East Studies, and Semitic Languages) as well as what I could remember about the book of 1st “Enoch”. Basically, mainstream Biblical study in academia.

The word "angel" (from the Greek word meaning "messenger") is not the nature of something or referring to species.

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It's a *job description*, just like you are a woman who takes on the role/function of an *entrepreneur*. These are spiritual beings, the “host of heaven” who surround God. A "divine council" is revealed in Psalm 82 and Job 1: 6.

They have:

1. Free will
2. Rank
3. Function

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Angels and demons actually occupy a low rank among divine beings. The higher-ranked ones don't leave the heavenly realms (unless ordered by God). Some are the "guardians of the throne" of God and his presence (i.e. - cherubim).

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What about “the Watchers” mentioned in Gen. 6 (as well as in the book of Daniel) and had a much more detailed account in the Books of Enoch? The Greek equivalent of their name (“Grigori”) meant spiritual beings who were “awake”, “watchful”. . .

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or who those who “guard over” mankind in some kind of administrative role (they were supposed to watch over and guide us). In Hebrew, their name translates simply as the “bene ha elohim” (“the sons of God”).

Sadly, 200 of them did several transgressions against God’s plan:

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1. They lusted after human women.

2. Thus, they colluded among themselves and decided to abandon their role and heavenly status, going celestial AWOL (Jude 1:6)

3. Also because of this, they decided to intermingle with the human species in order to have their own line. . .

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...of progeny (as if being little creator gods themselves). These were the Nephilim: giants who were the offspring of heavenly beings and human women (Genesis 6).

4. They conspired & bound themselves under oath to collectively stuffer the consequences under their leader...

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. . . whose name was Semyaza (1 Enoch 6:3-5).

5. Finally, they taught humanity various arts and technologies that, while beneficial to some extent, vastly increased and accelerated violence and killing each other, as well make us stray farther away from God.

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Enoch has passages of a specific Watcher and what method he taught humanity.

So what happened to them? Long story short, God was angry and did not forgive them when they did ask Enoch to plead their case. They saw their giant children, the Nephilim, slay each other.

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They were ultimately caught and God had them chained, not in hell, but somewhere deeper and more miserable: “Tartarus” (2 Peter 2:4).

Don’t want to delve any deeper as I think that covers the general idea.

Hope that helps.